

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14-16, 19-43, 45-53 and 55-68 are pending in the present Application. Claims 21 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 14, 15, 19, 23, 27, and 29 have been amended, leaving Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14-16, 19-20, 22, 23, 25-43, 45-53 and 55-68 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested, as it places the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 14, 15, and 27

Claims 14, 15, and 27 have been amended to remove the second period at the end of the claim.

Allowable Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability for Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14-16, 27, 28, 37-43, 45-47 and 55-68.

Claims 50-53

Claims 50-53 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully note that Claims 50-53 are dependent from and further limit allowable independent Claim 27. Applicants therefore request allowance of claims 50-53.

Claim Objections

Claims 21 and 24 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims (Claims 19 and 23, respectively) and any intervening claims (none). The limitations of Claims 21 and 24 have accordingly been incorporated into independent Claims 19 and 23, respectively, and Claims 21 and 24 canceled without prejudice.

It is believed that Claim 19 (and its dependent claims, Claims 20 and 22) and Claim 23 (and its dependent claims, 25, 26, 48, and 49) are therefore now allowable.

Claims 29-36 stand objected to because of the last part of Claim 29, which recites “said groups crosslink at a temperature is at least about 20°C greater than the melt temperature of the liquid crystalline polymer”. Claim 29 has been amended to add “that” in front of “is” as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 30-36 depend from and further limit Claim 29. Applicants therefore respectfully request the withdrawal of the objection to Claims 29-36.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, and 48-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

It is believed that the above amendments render these rejections moot.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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